

attack of various kinds, withstand frost much better than the ordinary *J. regia* or 'Royal' or 'Paradox,' and have a dense mass of fibrous rootlets with marked absence of excessive tap root. The thick shell safeguards their viability. I have kept some a year unstratified, simply in a drawer, and obtained germination." (Spence.)

Lathyrus sativus (Fabaceae), 54792. **Bitter vetch.** From Luxey, Landes, France. Seeds presented by Mr. L. Rouest, agronomist, Experimental Farm. "'Tangiers' vetch, a legume resistant to drought, with a growing period of about 80 days. The forage is much valued for sheep, and the seeds are eaten by the Arabs of Tangiers and northern Africa, and by the Sicilians." (Rouest.)

Melinis minutiflora (Poaceae), 54680. **Molasses grass.** From Lavras, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Seeds presented by Mr. B. H. Hunnicutt. "Mr. John Morley, of Lake Alfred, Fla., informed me that the molasses grass was so successful on his place that he is going to get a large quantity of seed for the planting of a very considerable area of it. He said the trouble encountered by other people who had tried to use this grass was, apparently, that they did not keep it closely enough grazed or cut. When permitted to grow unmolested it is likely to get rank." (David Fairchild.)

"I am immensely pleased to learn of the success that Mr. Morley had in pasturing this plant. While it grew extremely well at various places in Florida, every one else has reported that the cattle would not eat it. Apparently they must be educated to it. At Mr. Burguières' place, West Palm Beach, Fla., the grass behaves as a weed, being abundant everywhere along the fence rows." (C. V. Piper.)

Ribes vulgare (Grossulariaceae), 54770 to 54775. **Garden currant.** From Barnham, England. Plants purchased from The Barnham Nurseries, Ltd. Quoted notes from Catalogue of Barnham Nurseries, unless otherwise stated.

54770. "'Comet.' A new red variety, of large size, robust habit, and an immense cropper; not so acid as some of the older sorts."

54771. "'New Red Dutch.' Said to be a most reliable sort, spreading habit, very fine bearing; late."

54772. "'Perfection' ('Laxton') (New). Reported as a remarkably fine red variety of exceptionally vigorous growth; a very heavy cropper, with long bunches of large berries."